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What does 2013 hold for aging Pattullo Bridge?

TransLink. Plans for rehabilitation or more public consultations are on the table



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Its lanes are too narrow, its Fraser River bed foundations are wearing away, its best-before date was 25 years ago and even a moderate earthquake could cause it to collapse.

But the 75-year-old Pattullo Bridge will have to wait for a decision on its future, which could involve building a new bridge by 2020, rehabilitating the bridge or shutting it down completely.

TransLink won't know until spring whether fixing the bridge is even possible due to engineering limita-

tions, but rehabilitation design work would begin immediately if it is feasible, spokesman Drew Snider said in an email.

If not, it will endure at least another year of public consultations, according to TransLink.

TransLink originally proposed a \$1-billion, six-lane replacement in 2008 for the four-lane bridge connecting New Westminster to Surrey, but the plan failed to get past public consultations held in 2011 and 2012 due to traffic and community concerns.

"Our extensive consultation and discussions to date have identified concerns, opportunities and the need for further study and information to ensure all reasonable alternatives have been assessed," TransLink spokesman Drew Snider said in an email.

On top of the seven stakeholder meetings, eight

open houses, a webinar and an online consultation already held, TransLink wants to hold more than a dozen further meetings in 2013 to find a solution to the deteriorating bridge by fall 2014.

Meanwhile, about 10 per cent more traffic has diverted to the Pattullo to avoid the toll on the new, \$3.3-billion Port Mann Bridge, Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts said Wednesday.

Surrey welcomes the consultation process to look at all options to serve commuters, Watts said. The impacts of the new Port Mann Bridge, the Highway 1 bus and the South Fraser Perimeter Road must also be studied to make the best decision, she added.

"There's no doubt that the bridge needs to be replaced," she said. "That's a foregone conclusion."

For now, the bridge remains safe for the 60,000 vehicles that cross it daily.



Caps pitch in for Soccer Night IN NEWTOWN

Vancouver Whitecaps goalie Brad Knighton looks downfield during a game against Real Salt Lake in October at Rio Tinto Stadium in Sandy, Utah. Knighton and fellow Whitecap Omar Salgado are among 30 MLS players who are travelling to Newtown, Conn., to take part in a charity soccer event for residents of the New England town that was the scene of a mass shooting in December. Story, page 16. GEORGE FREY/GETTY IMAGES FILE



Death to the nickel?

A former Bank of Canada economist says pennies are not the only obsolete coin PAGE 8



They'll take you for a ride

Jet to Paris or get blown away by the Art Club's two new theatrical offerings PAGE 10



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CounterAttack

Police collar 68 suspected impaired drivers in holiday blitz

Vancouver police took 68 suspected impaired drivers off the roads as part of their annual CounterAttack Campaign in the three days leading up to the new year.

The VPD said the numbers, as usual, were much lower on New Year's Eve than on Dec. 28 and 29 because people typically leave their cars at home that night.

There were 30 24-hour driving suspensions and impaired-driving charges combined on Dec. 28, 21 on Dec. 29 and 17 on New Year's Eve.

Those numbers cannot accurately be compared to statistics from previous years because of significant changes to police powers that came into effect last year. **KATE WEBB/METRO**

New Year's Eve incident

Man charged with killing friend

A 24-year-old man has been charged with second-degree murder after a 40-year-old was killed in Langley on New Year's Eve.

Jason Terrence Brewer was expected to appear in Surrey court on Wednesday afternoon for his suspected role in the death of Cole Adam Manning.

"The victim and suspect are believed to be friends. However, (Integrated Homicide Investigation Team) investigators continue to explore the motive for this homicide," Sgt. Jennifer Pound said in a press release. "At this point, we can say this is not gang-related."

The family of the victim, who was from Cloverdale, has been notified.

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Whistler home prices are going down for the first time in years. FLICKR.COM: MATTHEW GRAPENGIESER/CONTRIBUTED

Housing market cooling in Victoria, Sea-to-Sky

Market correction. Property values in Victoria declining for first time in about 10 years, assessor says



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Home values along the Sea-to-Sky and in Victoria are falling for the first time in years, the B.C. assessment authority says.

The owners of nearly two million properties in the province will receive their 2013 assessment notices in the next few days.

"The north is generally up, the Okanagan is stable and

Dip impact

Average B.C. home prices from lowest to highest by region:

- Powell River/Sunshine Coast: \$219,746
- Northern B.C.: \$233,901
- Chetwynd/Dawson Creek/Tumbler Ridge: \$246,363
- Kootenays: \$275,279
- Chilliwack: \$299,321

- South Okanagan: \$302,522
- Kamloops: \$313,806
- Vancouver Island (excluding Victoria): \$315,909
- North Okanagan/Shuswap: \$378,148
- Victoria: \$484,075
- Fraser Valley: \$484,950
- Greater Vancouver: \$732,291

Source: B.C. Real Estate Association

the urban areas of Metro Vancouver and Greater Victoria are seeing some decline," BC Assessment spokesman Tim Morrison said.

Most residential homeowners along the Sea-to-Sky will see their properties go down in value by less than five per cent, the latest estimates

suggest, with the biggest dips to come in Whistler, Pemberton, the Sunshine Coast and on Bowen Island.

Most Victoria homeowners will see their values drop two to six per cent under 2011 assessments, Capital Region assessor Reuben Danakody said.

"It is really probably the

first time in maybe 10 years that we're seeing a decrease in property values," he said. "Fundamentally, it's the market correcting."

Danakody said the backslide is due, in part, to changes in Canada's mortgage rules that came into effect last summer. Ottawa reduced the borrowing capacity of homebuyers by cutting the maximum allowable amortization period to 25 years from 30, which Danakody said is having the intended effect of cooling off the country's overheated housing market.

Morrison stressed that because the assessments are based on market conditions as of July 1, 2012, owners who put properties on the market this year could find their homes are worth even less than their latest assessed value.

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Idle No More. B.C. chief looks to border rally, predicts more blockades

The president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs believes the Idle No More movement will continue to gain momentum, and he's preparing for a weekend rally at a major border crossing south of Vancouver.

Chief Stewart Phillip says an event is planned for Jan. 5 at the Peace Arch border crossing in Surrey, B.C.

He also predicts continued rail blockades such as the one in Sarnia, Ont., or Sunday night's nearly five-hour halt along the main VIA Rail corridor between Montreal and Toronto.

Phillip says grassroots activism will gather strength through 2013 as supporters fight the federal government's omnibus budget legislation and extend their concerns to broader issues such as inequality and treaty rights.

Idle No More leader Pamela Palmater has already noted protests are evolving to include more civil disobedience, although calls for blockades at Canada-U.S. borders on Saturday have not been endorsed by organizers.

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MORE ON THE MOVEMENT, PAGE 7



First Nations members taking part in an Idle No More protest shut down Portage Avenue at the Perimeter Highway in Winnipeg on Wednesday. An event is now also planned for Jan. 5 in Surrey. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justice system. Province reaches out to trial lawyers to talk legal aid

This year began on a more hopeful note for trial lawyers fighting for more access to legal aid in B.C.

To kick off 2012, the Trial Lawyers Association of BC took job action to protest the underfunded legal-aid system.

But to start 2013, the association is preparing for discussions with the provincial government after an invitation from Attorney General and Minister of Justice Shirley Bond in late December, association spokesman Bentley Doyle said in an email.

"Little changed in 2012 in terms of legal aid, but our committee remains engaged in an effort to have funding increased and services expanded," he said.

Bond sent the invite to collaborate days after the government issued a press release touting its justice-system reforms in 2012, including more access to child-protection mediators in rural and remote areas and plans to open a legal access centre in Victoria.

The association's president and members of the legal-aid

committee plan to participate in discussions with the province on how to serve those who can't afford legal help.

Despite an extra \$2 million promised annually to legal aid in 2011, critics say the system continues to struggle after 15 years of funding cuts.

"Until changes are made, far too many people will be left alone to represent themselves in court proceedings," Doyle said. "This is dangerous and costly, as it slows down the already clogged system."

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Attorney General Shirley Bond
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Civil suit

Betrayed wife vs. the other woman

A Vancouver woman is taking her husband's former mistress to court over dozens of harassing phone calls and messages she claims local police declined to investigate.

The notice of civil claim filed in B.C. Supreme Court alleges that following an early 2011 affair, Geraldine Arabia Andrade made and sent about 47 phone calls and messages to Josephine Exconde.

As a result, the document says Exconde suffered harassment and nervous shock, experiencing stress anxiety, insomnia, emotional grief, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and a lack of privacy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Distraught

Mounties pull woman from river

Several Nanaimo Mounties saved a distraught woman who'd walked into the frigid waters of Millstone River early on New Year's Day.

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Obsessed landlord

Murderer dies of natural causes

A man convicted of murdering a woman and scrawling the incomplete phrase "Love Yo" in blood on one of her legs has died in a B.C. prison.

The Correctional Service of Canada says 79-year-old Frank Wilson died of apparent natural causes on Dec. 28 after a long illness at a hospital in the Pacific Institution in Abbotsford, east of Vancouver. Wilson was a landlord in a building in Kamloops in 1998 when he made a series of romantic overtures to one of his tenants, 33-year-old Yvette Paul, sending her poetry and gifts, and painting the building awning and his bedroom her favourite colour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A flag-carrying Idle No More protester watches as police divert traffic around a blockade set up in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The demonstration lasted three hours and forced traffic on the Trans-Canada Highway to be rerouted around the Perimeter Highway. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

What is the point of Idle No More?

Restless natives.

Organizers say national movement is about protecting all Canadians, not just First Nations



BERNICE PONTANILLA
Metro in Winnipeg

While the Idle No More protests gain steam around the world, many Canadians still don't know what it's all about.

Dave Sauer, president of the Winnipeg Labour Council, said the issues being raised by the Idle No More protests, specifically the federal government's Bill C-45, affect Canadians of all backgrounds — and should therefore interest them.

"As a trade unionist, we live and die by our ... agreements," Sauer said. "The treaties that we've made with the First Nations of this country ... right now it's pretty obvious that those are not being followed through on. One end is not honouring the agreement."

Sauer said many of the non-aboriginal people at the Idle No More events share the concern that the Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, isn't talking with Canadians and is changing the country through large omnibus bills that don't get enough debate before being passed into law.

"That's a bridge that's starting to be built between First Nations and non-First Nations activism," Sauer said, adding the Canadian Labour Congress has endorsed Idle No More.

"If you look at the changes to the Navigable Waters Act, we have a lot of river systems now, especially in Manitoba, that are no longer protected, that I know a lot of non-First Nations people use, whether it's for transportation or recreation."

Wab Kinew, director of indigenous inclusion at the University of Winnipeg, wrote an article for the Huffington Post on the Idle No More movement when it started gathering steam in December.

"When aboriginal people do well, all of Canada does well,"

What they want

The organizers of Idle No More mostly want meaningful dialogue between politicians and First Nations.

- They say the Conservative government's removing environmental protection of the vast majority of Canada's waterways is a violation of First Nations' treaty rights.
- Organizers also hope the Idle No More protests will spur Canadians to become more educated about treaty rights and that they will galvanize youth of all races to action.

Kinew said, adding he hopes Idle No More also becomes an awakening for young people of all backgrounds and political stripes to get educated on and engaged with "the policies and the programs that are going to determine their futures."

New Year's Eve babies

Twins give birth to sons 2 hours apart

Aiden Lee Alan Dilts and Donavyn Scott Bratten didn't wait until New Year's Day to come screaming into the world, but the circumstances of their births are still pretty special: The babies were born about two hours apart to Ohio mothers who are identical twins.

The Akron Beacon Journal reports that 19-year-old mothers Aimee and Ashlee Nelson both gave birth on Monday even though their due dates were about a week apart.

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Calgary

Hundreds affected by fuel mix-up

Hundreds have been forced to park their vehicles after a mixup between regular gas and diesel fuel at a Calgary gas station.

Co-op spokesperson Karen Allan said that on Dec. 26 its fuel supplier mistakenly filled the regular gas-storage tank at a south Calgary gas bar with diesel fuel.

It wasn't until some 500 vehicles had been fuelled that a customer brought the problem to the station's attention.

KATIE TURNER/METRO IN CALGARY

Fatal encounter

No pit bull ban in Calgary, despite death of dog

Calgary has no plans to ban or otherwise restrict pit bulls after three of the dogs were involved in a fatal encounter in a city dog park.

A Pomeranian died in the incident on Monday, while another dog, a Great Pyrenees, was injured, after both off-leash animals approached a man walking three pit bulls on leash.

City officials seized the pit bulls, which are due to undergo behaviour tests.

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Time to empty the piggy bank. Penny collection starts Feb. 4

Jim Flaherty is setting his sights on your pennies. The federal finance minister is reminding Canadians that starting Feb. 4, the Royal Canadian Mint will stop distributing pennies and instead start collecting them from banks and other financial institutions.

Flaherty says he'll take every advantage over the next month to remind Canadians that the supply of pennies will start to diminish as a result.

In his March budget, Flaherty unexpectedly announced the demise of the one-cent piece, saying pennies cost too much to manufacture and are a nuisance to many Canadians.

After Feb. 4, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment, but electronic trans-

Costly coinage

- The last pennies minted on May 4 in Winnipeg cost about 1.6 cents each to manufacture.
- Even though Finance Canada faces a one-time net cost of \$38 million to retire the penny, the long-term savings to government and to the economy will be substantial.

actions will still be calculated down to the individual cent.

A cabinet order last month gave Flaherty the authority to pay financial institutions for the mountains of pennies they'll begin to return to the mint. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Chump change: Are nickels next on chopping block?

Coins we don't love anymore. Some say five-cent piece is also becoming obsolete, and should follow penny into the sunset

As the penny is set to begin retirement next month, there are already calls to put the nickel out to pasture as well.

The Royal Canadian Mint starts collecting one-cent coins on Feb. 4 for melting and recycling of the metal content, with some six billion pennies expected to be surrendered by Canadians over the next six years.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the surprise demise in last year's budget, saying the penny had become a nuisance.

And a former Bank of Canada economist says the nickel is also becoming obsolete, and should be next in line for retirement.

"We see less and less people now ... digging in their wallets for nickels," Jean-Pierre Aubry



The federal government is retiring the penny, and some think the nickel should be next in line. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

said in an interview.

A retired 30-year veteran of the Bank of Canada, Aubry has been a leading proponent of withdrawing the one-cent piece from circulation.

In papers and presentations for Desjardins Group over the last few years, Aubry used economic models to show that

the penny should actually have been killed in about 1982.

That was a tipping point, as more Canadians hoarded the coins and the Royal Canadian Mint was pressed to churn out billions more to keep retailers stocked, costing the government up to \$11 million annually.

Aubry argues the nickel will soon hit the same tipping point the penny did in 1982, as Canadians hoarded them in greater numbers, forcing the mint to distribute up to 350 million each year to meet retail demand. "It's a sign that the coin is not well used," he said.

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Avis purchases Zipcar for \$491M

Avis is leaping into the car-sharing service business by buying Zipcar for \$491.2 million US, aiming to capture a new type of customer and technology that will vastly expand its car rental options.

Car sharing has become a popular alternative to traditional rentals in metropolitan areas and on college campuses, allowing members to get a

vehicle for an hour or two for short trips instead of renting a car for a day or using mass transit. The segment has been growing while traditional car rentals have struggled in the current slow-growth economy.

Avis Budget Group Inc. is the third-largest U.S. rental car company, behind Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Hertz Global Holdings Inc.

"I've been somewhat dismissive of car sharing in the past but what I've come to realize is that car sharing, particularly on the scale that Zipcar has achieved and will achieve, is complementary to our traditional business," Avis' Chairman and CEO Ron Nelson said in a conference call after the deal was announced.

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LEAVING HIS SINGLE-DUDE WAYS IN THE DUST



HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Year after year I make tough New Year's resolutions in an attempt to mend my bachelorhood ways, such as resolving to regularly dust the TV with a cloth, rather than running

my hand over the screen every six months and exclaiming, "Wow, that's dusty!"

Well, I'm happy to say that in the past year I've finally made some progress. I no longer own a television.

In your face, dust. Cough, cough.

And in the kitchen, a friend of mine brought me 12 basic spices this year and, I must say, they really spruce up the windowsill.

Many of my other single-dude problems remain, however. I just don't have the right attitude.

I notice this in newsrooms where different shifts share the same computers. Some of my co-workers start their shifts with spray and cloths and hand sanitizer, as if they'll be using their desks for open-heart surgery. Meanwhile, I consider a keyboard sticky with the

previous user's Snickers bar a tasty value-add, similar to a mint on your pillow.

This failure as a human being is unfortunate from a life perspective but very fortunate from a column perspective because it leads to:

John's 2013 Bachelorhood Resolutions

- I resolve to clean the four breakfast bowls I have, rather than using increasingly less appropriate stand-ins such as Tupperware, popcorn bowls, flower pots and the mop bucket.

- I will clean these dishes before Corn Flakes have become irremovable fossils that will be of interest to top Corn Flake scientists seven centuries from now.

- I resolve to cook a meal that is not bacon, eggs and toast. (Making bacon and toast, eggs and toast, or bacon and eggs is partial credit only.)

- I resolve to accept that re-soaking the dishes repeatedly will not get them clean, that rotating the pillows only works once, and that not using the coffee machine for a while is not the same as cleaning the coffee machine.

- I resolve to invite people over so that I have to clean, but I'm still not scrubbing behind the toilet unless it's, at minimum, the Queen.

- I resolve to learn how to do things on my own rather than calling my parents with cryptic questions like, "Say there was a grease fire right now, would pouring baking soda on it help? Because I don't have any, hypothetically."

- I resolve to do these things soon enough that they can be considered New Year's resolutions and not some last-ditch bucket list. Because the bucket has corn flakes in it.



Royal resolve: Tackling a job even a prince like William can handle.

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From police box to mailbox



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Two worlds collide

Sci-fi classic gets stamp series

This image, released by Britain's Royal Mail on Wednesday, shows a postage stamp with an image of Doctor Who star Matt Smith. The Doctor — who usually uses a police box for travel — will be zooming through time and space on the edge of letters in 2013.

The stamps honouring the cult British television program will be available starting at the end of March. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Doctor Who celebrated

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The Royal Mail is marking the 50th anniversary of the science fiction show Doctor Who with a series of stamps featuring each of the 11 actors who have played the title role. Those featured include the present Doctor, Matt Smith, as well as past Time Lords such as David Tennant and Christopher Eccleston. The stamp featuring the first Doctor, William Hartnell, is shown below.



Time Lord's friends and foes go postal, too



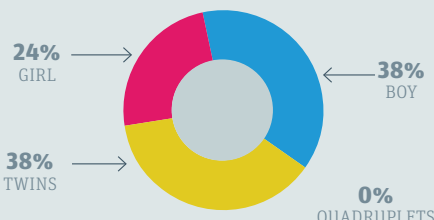
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The series will also include a miniature sheet that brings together Second Class stamps featuring four of the Doctor's friends and foes — a Dalek (shown above), an Ood, a Weeping Angel and a Cyberman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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What's your royal baby prediction?



Twitter

@DrMoirastilwell:

Still have another several loads of dishes to clear up. And I didn't make the after Xmas sales this year.

on Jan. 5-6; including Kits and Sunset Beaches

@BrentButt:

Can't tell you how happy I am to see @ApeCop tweeting again. Somehow, I feel a bit safer on the streets.

@kaylaprusia: Should be on a flight to Vancouver. Instead I chose to not go into debt bc of tuition. Sometimes I hate being responsible. #imissmybff

@ParkBoard:

Christmas tree recycling tips: check out tree chipping events

@Miss_Manha: Today's run felt fantastic. Thank you Vancouver for some gorgeous sunshine.



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A new year, a new you, and here's some fresh stuff to do

What's going on.

Don't let the January doldrums keep you inside — two new plays begin their runs this month



BACKSTAGE PASS

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Happy New Year, people of Metro! Looks like the world didn't end, after all.

Advantage, Gregorian calendar!

Still, you might want to check those high-fives and celebratory brandies — it's not all good news: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are pregnant. Don't get me wrong: congrats to them. But if you thought reading about a fictional end of world was bad, just wait for the coming gossip onslaught that is a very real Baby Kimye.

Luckily, Kardashian's uterus isn't the only venue hosting an event this year.

The Arts Club has two new plays on offer in January: *Ride the Cyclone*, co-presented with the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival, kicks off Jan. 17 at its Granville Island Stage.

The imaginative and widely lauded musical — created by Victoria's Atomic Vaudeville — had a limited run in Vancouver in 2011 but had a lasting impression on Arts



The original cast of *Ride the Cyclone*. The play begins Jan. 17. SUBMITTED/FAIREN BERCHARD

Club artistic managing director Bill Millerd.

"(I) was overwhelmed by the untamed energy and the incredible force of the piece," he says. "I knew it would be a great show to program for our Granville Island Stage so more people could enjoy this wild ride."

Another wildish ride takes off at the Arts Club on Jan. 24. *Boeing-Boeing* is a "mile-high comedy" set in Paris in the swinging 60s. Yeah, baby! (In fact, the play was writ-

ten in 1960 and is the most-performed French play in the world.)

Take successful architect and bachelor Bernard, toss in three air hostesses — nicknamed America, Italy and Germany — and you've got liftoff.

Unfortunately, there's turbulence ahead when Boeing introduces a faster jet, throwing a wrench in Bernard's precise romantic timetable.

So why hasn't this comedy flown off course over

the years?

"The simple answer is that the structure of this farce puts the characters in comic situations that remain ludicrously funny today," says director David Mackay.

"For all our incredible social and technological advancements made over the past fifty years, a good farce can exemplify that quality in human nature that for every step forward there's a banana peel to take us two steps back."

If you go...

- **Ride the Cyclone.** At the Arts Club Granville Island Stage from Jan. 17 to Feb. 16.
- **Boeing-Boeing.** At the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage from Jan. 24 to Feb. 24. More info at ArtsClub.com

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A year in music: Top 5 chart toppers of 2012

Music. From Gangnam Style to Call Me Maybe, Metro looks back at some of the year's biggest hits

Top 5 albums/singles

- 1 Frank Ocean's *Channel Orange*
- 2 TIE: Father John Misty's *Fear Fun* and PSY's *Gangnam Style*
- 3 Carly Rae Jepsen's *Call Me Maybe*
- 4 Gotye's *Somebody That I Used to Know*
- 5 TIE: Rihanna's *Diamonds* and Ke\$ha's *Warrior*

How did we all leave *We Are Young* by Fun. off this list? Is it because we're all too old to sing that song out loud? Or is it that the opening of the song is just too schlocky to make it all worth the amazing chorus? Seriously, if that song was the chorus alone, it would be the song of the year. To tell you the truth, it probably still will be anyway. Also, here's where I'm a little bit of a jerk: That Gotye song officially started getting airplay last year. **PAT HEALY**

Somebody That I Used to Know stays on the list because it made me think there was this really great Police song from the '80s recently discovered and newly released. I think I just proved your old fogies theory. **AMBER RAY**

Maybe this supports the argument that I'm already an old fogey, but I had to look up the Rihanna and Ke\$ha songs be-



Father John Misty made 2012's Top 5 with *Fear Fun*. CONTRIBUTED/MAXIMILLA LUKACS

cause I hadn't heard them before. Ke\$ha has finally been the first to inspire me to call something "devil music" in an unflattering way. **HEIDI PATALANO**

Another bit of food for thought: Would *Gangnam Style* make the list if there weren't a video? People probably posed the same question about Duran Duran in 1982, and it's strange how this bit of devil's advocacy is still relevant in 2012. But seriously, in an age where music videos aren't shown on regular TV anymore, it is interesting that a video made such a huge cultural and musical splash. **PAT HEALY**

I think it would have — hell,

I still haven't even seen the *Gangnam Style* video, but I somehow know the dance. I personally enjoyed Britney trying her hand (at) it while appearing on *Ellen*, but why was she dressed like a flight attendant for that episode? **MEREDITH ENG**

I think a prerequisite for best song of the year means we can sing along with it. Oh man, I'm such a xenophobe. **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

What about Kanye this year? Did anybody vote for *Cruel Summer*? **PAT HEALY**

I say this every single year, and I hate change so I'll say it again: I have never heard anything by Kanye West that

I didn't want to turn off immediately. Who's old and grumpy? This girl — this girl right here. **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

Oh man, Monica, give *Mercy* a chance! There's so much going on in this track. I love how it flawlessly switches between winding dancehall to some gritty southern rap all while maintaining a cool, dark undertone and then suddenly taking a left turn to an electronic dance party. Yup, you have to bring ALL your moves to the floor. Adding to the awesomeness is the all-black ninja-Bedouin looks everyone sports in the stylized video. It's totally one of those fashion moments I can see being referenced years from now. **TINA CHADHA**



Carly Rae Jepsen. GETTY IMAGES

Editor's picks

Music editor Pat Healy's Top 5

1. Father John Misty's *Fear Fun*
2. Michael Kiwanuka's *Home Again*
3. Big Boi's *Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors*
4. Frank Ocean's *Channel Orange*
5. TIE: Bruce Springsteen's *Wrecking Ball* and The Walkmen's *The Heaven*

This was a weird year for music. For the first time, I feel like there was actually too much to listen to. Look at the top lists of any major publication and there are very few similarities.

I, for one, am surprised more outlets aren't praising the stellar songcraft of Father John Misty and Michael Kiwanuka. Neither are reinventing the wheel. In fact, both seem very much rooted in sounds of the '60s and '70s.

But as for my next two

entries, Big Boi and Frank Ocean, I think both are really doing great things to push their genres forward.

Big Boi took a brave tact on this most recent album, which also didn't make many lists (presumably due to its December release date). Instead of just a few indie collaborations here and there, like he has done in the past, almost every track is a collaboration with either Phantogram or Little Dragon. The results are completely original.

Frank Ocean's results are completely original too. It really is like he is on the forefront of bringing a much-needed update to R&B. The new school, which includes Miguel and The Weeknd, never knew a world where hip-hop didn't exist and that has formed their worldview in such a unique way that the old soulsters didn't have.

And in fifth place, maybe it's just loyalty, but two of my favourite acts released albums that weren't my favourites they've ever released, but I still enjoy them.



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2012's memorable moments à la mode

Beauty and the buzz.

From a dress double-up to a cropped-coiffe craze, here are some of the most talked-about style stories of 2012

Michelle Obama and Ann Romney's matching hues.

The wives of the presidential candidates turned out to the second debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney in practically the same shade of hot pink. But they weren't by the same designer: Romney's was by Oscar de la Renta, and Obama's by Michael Kors. A potential matching prom dress-style embarrassment was chalked up to timing: October's breast cancer awareness month.

Marc Jacobs' Louis Vuitton show

Many of the designer runways seemed more of the same — stark stages, thumping music and audiences distracted by their electronic gadgets — but the Louis Vuitton fall catwalk in Paris commanded attention. Models dressed in their very best travelling clothes stepped off a reconstructed retro steam train. Valets carried the vintage-inspired hat boxes and vanity cases. The trip seemed refreshingly refined and modern.

Two-tone Stella McCartney dresses

McCartney, no stranger to the red carpet, has created a style that celebrities can't get enough of. Her ultra-flat-tering "silhouette" dress has become almost ubiquitous. It features one colour on



The Olympics saw some of the most famous faces in fashion strutting to a David Bowie soundtrack. GETTY IMAGES

the bodice and back, and a graphic opposite on the sides and sleeves. Kate Winslet has worn several versions, and Brooklyn Decker, Kate Moss, Edie Falco and Liv Tyler have, too. The best turn might have been Jane Fonda at the Cannes Film Festival.

Beyoncé's back-from-baby body

Some new mothers claim they feel sexier than ever. Beyoncé was living proof at the Met Gala, the important industry event co-hosted by Vogue's Anna Wintour. Beyoncé's skin-tight, largely sheer — save the bodice beading and feathered fish-

tail train — gown by Givenchy announced that Ivy Blue Carter's mom wasn't going to hold back. An honourable mention goes to Jessica Simpson, who dieted her way to a Weight Watchers ad, then wound up pregnant again.

Supermodel reunion at the London Olympics.

Gold was the new black at the closing ceremony with a parade of supermodels wearing gilded gowns in a tribute to British fashion. Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell both had on Alexander McQueen, Georgia May Jagger's was by Victoria Beckham, Karen

Elson was in Burberry, and Stella Tennant donned a Christopher Kane Swarovski-crystal catsuit.

Miley Cyrus' cropped cut

When Cyrus cut off the long hair her fans had become used to, she took some heat. She has said (and tweeted) repeatedly, though, that she was pleased with the new punk-pixie look and was sticking with it. Short hair turned out to be a big trend, with Alicia Keys, Rihanna and Anne Hathaway all ending the year with much shorter locks than they started with.

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Front-page fashion

Moore at the Emmys

Julianne Moore's neon-yellow Dior Haute Couture outfit (really a sweater and ball skirt) spawned a love-it-or-hate-it debate among armchair style critics. What was largely left out of that conversation, however, was that it was Raf Simons' big celebrity debut for Dior.



007's slim suits

Daniel Craig's wardrobe in Skyfall is impeccably tailored — and quite tight. Unlike the James Bonds that came before him, Craig, whose wardrobe is created mostly by Tom Ford, takes his suits Euro-style with tapered legs and shorter rises.



Angelina Jolie at the Oscars

The leg that peeked out of the high thigh-high slit of her Versace gown was the most exciting appearance on the red carpet. It was Jolie's picture-perfect pose to expose just enough thigh that launched a thousand memes.



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1. Steam the green beans just until bright green and still crisp, about 3 minutes. Place immediately under cold water and rinse until the beans are no longer warm. Place in a serving bowl.

2. Spray small non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn, stirring frequently, until browned, approximately 8 minutes. Add to the serving bowl, along with the black beans, chickpeas, bell pepper, onion and avocado.

3. Whisk the zest, juice, oil, garlic, ginger, jalapeño, salt

Ingredients

- 8 oz green beans
 - 1 cup drained canned corn kernels
 - 1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
 - 3/4 cup diced red bell pepper
 - 1/2 cup diced red onion
 - 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- Dressing**
- 1 1/2 tsp lime or lemon zest
 - 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
 - 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
 - 1 tsp minced jalapeño
 - Pinch salt and black pepper
 - 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro, basil or parsley

and pepper together in a small bowl.

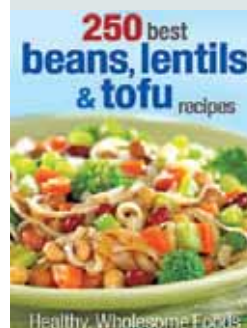
4. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to mix well. Garnish with the cilantro. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Cookbook of the Week



Spotlight on beans

Knowing that beans, lentils and tofu are good for you is one thing, but cooking with them is another. 250 Best Beans, Lentils & Tofu Recipes, compiled by author and editor Judith Finlayson, offers varied and globally-influenced recipes.

Winter-friendly eats such as Curry-Fried Tofu Soup With Vegetables and Udon Noodles and Firehouse Chili Soup will warm you up. And even meat eaters can enjoy the book with hearty dishes like Quince-Laced Lamb Shanks With Yellow Split Peas and Baked Shrimp Enchiladas. **METRO**



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Resolutions from a decorator



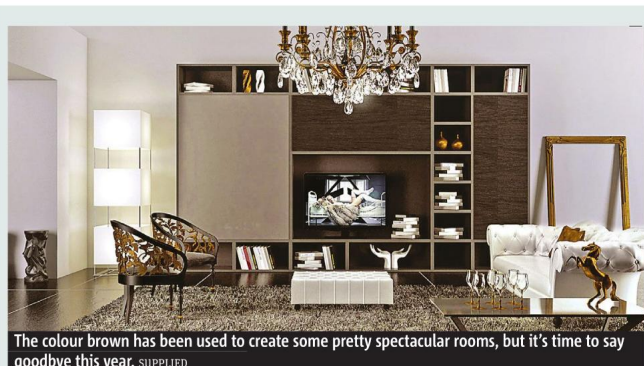
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Every new year the decorating magazines, newspaper columns and home decor television shows ramble off the predicted trends for the upcoming new year.

Although it's good to know what they are, it's also important to consider which ones can — and cannot — be implemented in our lives.

My resolution this year is not to bring a lot of new trends into my life, but to say goodbye to a few that don't hold longevity in my home.

Here are two of last year's trends that I fell prey to in 2011-2012 — ones that have had their way (and their day) with me.



The colour brown has been used to create some pretty spectacular rooms, but it's time to say goodbye this year. SUPPLIED

The colour brown

We've seen brown tones dominate home decor for the past 10 years, and although it wasn't a new trend last year, it just seemed to linger on much longer than other colour trends from the past.

From espresso wood tones to deep brown leather furnishings, it's a promise to myself to think twice before introducing any more of it to my room's decor scheme. There are certain decor items that will always need to be brown — wood flooring, cabinetry and book cases, but using it in upholstery, paint and wallpaper feels a bit overdone these days.

Replace those dark brown colours with rich, muted shades of grey, purple, teal and cinnamon.

The deconstructed factory look

Stripped metal furnishings, repurposed wood, worn carpets and industrial factory cart coffee tables have somewhat had their day.

There's always a casual decor scheme on tap and the industrial chic look is now overblown. Was it an attempt to decorate in a more casual manner without going back to country decorating? My new motto about this look: If it looked great in a factory setting, then don't bring it home anymore.

Search for fresher looks in the casual decor schemes — pastel colours, pale wicker, seagrass and off-white paint colours.



Industrial Chic: Used initially for a little shock value, industrial items have now become overblown in the home. SUPPLIED

Emerald named Pantone's colour of 2013

Emerald is the jewel in Pantone's crown of colours for 2013. The vibrant green hue was announced as its colour of the year.

Emerald is symbolic of growth, renewal and regeneration, said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, the research division of Pantone Inc., which creates colour standards for the fashion, beauty and home industries.

"That is what the stone im-

plies and has ... for many cultures. It celebrates new life, and that, we feel, is a good message because it speaks of optimism for the future," she said in a phone interview from Bainbridge Island, Wash.

The selection of the rich green hue — which Eiseman describes as a "well-balanced colour" — is a striking departure from Tangerine Tango, the reddish-orange shade that took Pantone's top colour honour for 2012.

Pantone's annual colour forecast of the hottest hue for the year ahead factors in a number of different influences, from graphic design and fashion to film and TV.

Eiseman said they also look at the consumer zeitgeist from an international perspective, and start

to seek out a colour symbolic of what people feel they need.

They are also on the lookout for a "building up of references" in the years leading up to the hue in question being named the top colour, she added.

With that checklist in tow, emerald — and its seemingly universal appeal among style arbiters and consumers — appears to fit the bill.

"We had to look for a specific green that was not one that we were seeing as much of, but as I said, was on the ascendancy," said Eiseman.

Indeed, the vibrant shade has been a fashionable favourite for some time, from the sleeved, sequined Versace number worn by Angelina Jolie at the 2011 Golden Globes to the sleek, silk Mulberry dress donned recently by the Duchess of Cambridge.

Eiseman said emerald is already being seen colouring kitchen appliances, and consumers can expect to see bedding and dishware among the array of items steeped in the shade in the months to come.

"Certainly in domestics and linens, table tops, glassware, ceramics (is) where emerald really shines," she said. "If you do emerald in glassware, it is just spectacular. It also takes on such beautiful colourations."

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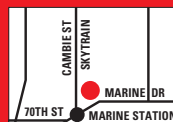
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World's game to help support Newtown

Community event.

Two members of the Vancouver Whitecaps among 30 MLS players to participate in Soccer Night in Newtown



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Omar Salgado was at home, just checking out Twitter, when he read the reports: A shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

Then, perhaps like so many people around the world, the Vancouver Whitecaps 19-year-old striker turned on his television to watch CNN.

"Devastated" was a term he used more than once to describe his reaction to the news on that Friday morning of Dec. 14, when 27 were shot dead, including 20 schoolchildren aged six and seven years old, and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"I really couldn't believe what was happening," said Salgado, a native of El Paso, Texas, in a phone interview Wednesday.

"It was something that really nobody expected and I thought nobody could ever do."

Salgado and his Whitecaps teammate Brad Knighton will be two of 30 Major League Soccer players, along with eight



Vancouver Whitecap Omar Salgado and his teammate Brad Knighton will take part in Soccer Night in Newtown, an event open to town residents and members of its youth soccer association, according to the MLS website. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES FILE

men and women from the U.S. national program, to travel to the New England community for Soccer Night in Newtown.

The event, started by Houston Dynamo president Chris Canetti, a native of Guilford, Conn., is scheduled for Monday and is open only to Newtown residents and members

of the town's youth soccer association, according to the MLS website. Children and families of Newtown will have a chance to meet the professional and national players in attendance, and play alongside them in a variety of soccer activities.

"I feel it hits home more with actually having a child and seeing that your kid could possibly be involved," said Knighton, the Whitecaps goalkeeper, who has a young daughter.

"It's a tragedy. It really is one of the most horrific things that I think I've ever ... seen in my lifetime.

"But I think for us, being able to get involved and go in there and help the community and reach out is something that they're probably looking for to get their mind off of what's been going on the last several weeks."

Knighton pointed out that sport — specifically soccer in this case — can help galvanize people of a community going through extreme sorrow.

"Soccer is the world's game and people are looking to that as an outlet to get away from the horrors in society today," he said. "Being able to be a part of that is a huge thing."

Quoted

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Whitecaps goalkeeper Brad Knighton

Midget hockey

NW Giants win international tournament in overtime thriller

Regulation solved nothing, and neither did the first overtime period.

However, the Vancouver Northwest Giants major midget hockey team prevailed in double overtime to defeat the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes by a final score of 3-2 and capture the 2012-13 Mac's Midget AAA World Invitational Tournament in Calgary.

Jackson Cressey scored in the second extra period to give the Giants the win on New Year's Day.

Bo Didur came away as the winning goaltender, stopping 32 of 34 shots he faced, barely outduelling Carolina netminder Sean Kuehn, who turned away 36 shots.

The Giants, who play out of the B.C. Major Midget League, went undefeated in the tournament, winning all seven of their games. The men's portion of the tournament includes 25 teams from Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

The Giants have now won the annual international hockey tournament twice in the past four years. They won the coveted competition for the first time back in 2009.

This latest triumph for the Giants — they consist of players from North and West Vancouver, Burnaby and Squamish — is another feat for the club so far this season.

As of Wednesday, the Giants sat atop the BC MML standings with 20 wins, two losses and two ties for 42 points.

They sit two points above the Okanagan Rockets for top spot in the 11-team league. **METRO**

Blazers power past Vancouver Giants



Vancouver Giants centre Carter Popoff circles the Kamloops Blazers net looking to make a play with the puck during the first period of Wednesday's Western Hockey League game at the Pacific Coliseum. CAM TUCKER/METRO

The fourth time wasn't the charm.

The Vancouver Giants gave up three unanswered goals in a 4-2 loss to the Kamloops Blazers Wednesday evening at the Pacific Coliseum.

Vancouver's Western Hockey League team, despite holding a one-goal lead in the second period of Wednesday's contest, has now lost its first four meetings of the season with Kamloops.

Trevor Cheek gave the hosts the lead in the second period, his wrist shot from the top of the slot sliding under the pad of Blazers goalie Taran Kozun.

It was Cheek's 17th goal of

Wednesday's game

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Blazers

2

Giants

the season and his fourth in two games.

But Blazers forward Tim Bozon scored the winner. With Giants forwards Cain Franson and Kale Kessy caught up ice, Bozon finished off a pretty give-and-go with Colin Smith, snapping the return pass to the back

of a wide open net with 8:43 remaining in the third period.

The damage to Vancouver may have been done before that.

Blazers captain Dylan Willick, making his return to the lineup after having not played since Nov. 2 due to a broken ankle, got his team on even terms thanks to a short-handed goal with 52 seconds remaining in the second period.

The Blazers scored twice in the third period. It was the Giants' 28th loss of the season.

The Giants now travel to Alberta for a five-game road trip, starting Friday against the Red Deer Rebels. **CAM TUCKER/METRO**



Canucks forward Alex Burrows has been working out near Montreal with several other locked-out NHLers. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHLers temper excitement for deal

Lockout. Players have learned positive negotiations can fall apart at drop of hat

The talks have heated up and a deal could soon be at hand, but NHL players are trying not to let their hopes get too high that a collective-bargaining agreement will get signed and a partial season will be saved.

A group of eight NHL players skating in Candiac, Que., a suburb of Montreal, Wednesday were glad that their players' union and the league have been talking over the last few days in New York. But they caution that the NHLPA thought a deal

was close only a month ago, only to see commissioner Gary Bettman withdraw his offer.

"Yes, we're excited, but I hope it's not like last time when we were all excited and then the next thing you know, it's off the table," said forward Steve Begin. "But you have to stay positive."

Begin does not have a contract, but is awaiting a chance to crack the Calgary Flames roster during what may be a short training camp.

The league wants a deal done by Jan. 11, so a 48-game schedule can start on Jan. 19. The threat of losing an entire season, as happened in 2004-05, looks to have lit a fire under the negotiations.

"I've got excited before

and I'm not going to get excited until a deal is signed," cautioned Montreal Canadiens captain Brian Gionta.

"We're looking forward because it's getting late," said Canucks forward Alex Burrows. "We're in the new year now, so we have to make sure they keep talking and find a way to grind it out and agree on a few things."

Gionta was joined by teammates Josh Gorges, Travis Moen and Francis Bouillon, along with Begin, Burrows, Vancouver forward Maxim Lapierre and Washington Capitals defenceman Roman Hamrlik for 90 minutes of drills to stay in shape in case the lockout ends. New York Rangers prospect Nick Tremblay also skated.

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CBA negotiations

A self-imposed deadline for the NHL Players' Association to file a "disclaimer of interest" passed with no indication of what the union decided.

- The NHLPA's executive board had until just before midnight on Wednesday to declare that it was dissolving — a move that could open the door for players to file anti-trust lawsuits against the NHL.
- Top union representatives remained in meetings with the league beyond midnight, according to sources.

World juniors. 'The Nuge' dispensing nuggets of NHL wisdom to teammates

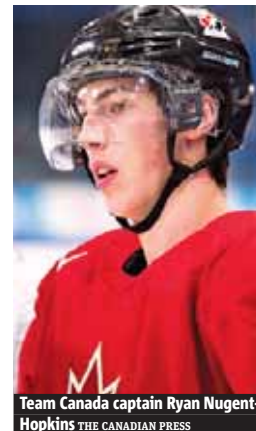
Regardless of what happens the rest of the way for Team Canada at the world junior hockey championship, most of the players on the team hope — one day — to make the NHL.

"It's in the back of your mind all the time," said forward Boone Jenner, a draft pick of the Columbus Blue Jackets. "It's the main goal. Since you're a little kid you want to play in the NHL. Every day you try to think about that and wonder how you're going to get better each day and keep going. It's the ultimate goal."

While his teammates can only dream of life in the NHL, captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins has already lived it. The Burnaby native was a point-per-game player with the Edmonton Oilers last year, and a rising star in the league. As such, Nugent-Hopkins has become a resource for his teammates to learn about life in the bigs.

"They definitely have a lot of questions," said Nugent-Hopkins. "Some guys have experienced a few games. Some guys will be there in a few seasons. There definitely are some questions and I try to shed light on it."

What does he tell them? "It's definitely the best of everything," said Nugent-Hopkins. "The checking is so much better, the speed of the game is



Team Canada captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins THE CANADIAN PRESS

just amazing. The first thing I noticed was the atmosphere in the buildings. It was extremely fun to play in. Playing against the best players in the world, players I've always watched, was pretty cool."

As much as Nugent-Hopkins has been the focus of the team's offence on the ice, he is the focus of attention off it for the advice he can give.

In all, 20 of Team Canada's 23 players are already drafted by NHL clubs. As many as 10 could get the call to come to camp immediately after the tournament if the lockout ends.

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Quarter-final clashes

John Gaudreau had a hat trick, Riley Barber scored twice and the United States beat the Czech Republic 7-0 to set up a rematch with Canada in Thursday's semifinal. Canada topped

the U.S. 2-1 in the preliminary round.

- Defending champion Sweden will face Russia in the other semifinal.

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Denver Broncos offensive co-ordinator Mike McCoy, left, talks with quarterback Peyton Manning during a game on Dec. 16. Wally Buono knew 13 years ago that McCoy had the qualities to be a good football coach. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Buono knew QB would be real McCoy as coach

Job interviews. Mike McCoy, former CFL pivot, is meeting Buffalo, Chicago, Arizona and Philadelphia about head coaching positions

Mike McCoy's one of the NFL's hottest head-coaching prospects, but Wally Buono knew 13 years ago while with the Calgary Stampeders that the Broncos offensive co-ordinator had the qualities to be a good football coach.

"Oh yeah and here's why," the B.C. Lions vice-president of football operations and GM said Wednesday. "We had Mike for something like four days and then he started for

us and won four or five games with no training camp and a lot of it was because he cerebrally was able to pick up things quickly and stay within the structure of the offence.

"He had all the things as a coach you need to have: You have to have a work ethic, you have to have discipline, you have to have toughness. Things didn't faze him."

Buono was Calgary's head coach in 1999 when McCoy arrived and quickly found himself under centre with injuries to regulars Dave Dickenson and Henry Burris. McCoy adjusted quickly, completing 117 of 183 passes (63.9 per cent) for 1,669 yards with 10 TDs and just two interceptions.

At season's end, Buono wanted McCoy to return but the then 28-year-old quarter-

back abruptly retired to become an offensive assistant coach with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Completing his fourth season as Denver's offensive coordinator, McCoy should be relishing an off week after the Broncos (13-3) earned a first-round playoff bye. Instead, he'll meet with the Buffalo Bills, Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals and Philadelphia Eagles about their head-coaching vacancies.

McCoy, 40, has shown a deft touch when it comes to designing successful offences, having helped Denver reach the playoffs the last two years with vastly different quarterbacks.

In 2011, Denver (8-8) topped the NFL in rushing and beat Pittsburgh in the playoffs with Tim Tebow, the former Heisman Trophy winner who has been criticized for his flawed passing mechanics. This season, the Broncos were ranked second overall in scoring with Peyton Manning, a future hall of famer and one of the top passers in league history. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quoted

"Mike, at the time, could have been our starting quarterback, but went to Carolina almost as a graduate assistant because he felt the vision for his life was to be a coach." Wally Buono on Denver Broncos offensive co-ordinator and head-coaching prospect Mike McCoy

NBA

James drives Heat past Mavs

LeBron James scored 32 points and finished one assist shy of a triple-double, Dwyane Wade scored 27 and the Miami Heat rallied both early and late before beating the Dallas Mavericks 119-109 in overtime Wednesday night.

Chris Bosh scored 17 points and Ray Allen added 15 for Miami, which extended its Eastern Conference-leading record to 22-8. The Heat trailed by 12 in the opening minutes, and then dug their way out of a six-point hole in the final 3:02 of regulation.

James had 12 rebounds and nine assists for the Heat, who wound up going on what became a 16-3 run late, including 7-0 to start overtime. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



LeBron James rises for a dunk on Wednesday in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

Tennis. Tomic upsets Djokovic Down Under

Bernard Tomic defeated top-ranked Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-4 to earn the best win of his career, but Australia lost to Serbia 2-1 at the Hopman Cup on Wednesday.

Ana Ivanovic evened the round-robin tie by overwhelming Australian 16-year-old Ashleigh Barty 6-2, 6-3. Barty made a positive start, but once Ivanovic made the first break to lead 4-2 she took almost total control.

The Serbians then combined to win the mixed doubles 6-4, 6-7 (8), 10-6.

Tomic put Djokovic under pressure right from the start, holding five break points in the opening game. Djokovic survived that threat and held a break point of his own to lead 5-3, but netted a backhand. Tomic then broke serve in the next game with a cross-court forehand winner and served out the set.

He kept up the pressure in the second set, failing to convert a break point to lead 4-3, but won his sixth break point at 5-4, which left him serving for the match, and his first win over Djokovic in four tries.

"I played a very, very good match and I'm just happy after the training the last few months that it's all coming good and the training's paying off," Tomic said.

"Hard work does pay off.



Bernard Tomic on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

"I'm still improving, but I feel this today was a very good sign. I've got to continue playing like this."

Playing in front of more than 13,000 in the sold-out Perth Arena, Tomic admitted to feeling nervous at the start.

"Very difficult to play the first few games," he said. "It's very hard playing against a player like Novak and come out relaxed. But I'm happy the way I came out. I was serving really good and the whole match was on my side because my serve was working really well."

Djokovic was generous in defeat and conceded that Tomic deserved his victory.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	22	8	.733	—	
New York	21	10	.677	1 1/2	
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2	
Indiana	19	13	.594	4	
Chicago	17	13	.567	5	
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	6	
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	6	
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	8 1/2	
Boston	14	17	.452	8 1/2	
Toronto	12	20	.375	11	
Orlando	12	20	.375	11	
Detroit	12	22	.353	12	
Charlotte	8	23	.258	14 1/2	
Cleveland	7	26	.212	16 1/2	
Washington	4	26	.133	18	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	25	7	.781	—	
Oklahoma City	24	7	.774	1/2	
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—	
Memphis	20	9	.690	3 1/2	
Golden State	21	10	.677	3 1/2	
Houston	18	14	.563	7	
Denver	18	15	.545	7 1/2	
Portland	16	15	.516	8 1/2	
Minnesota	14	14	.500	9	
Utah	16	17	.485	9 1/2	
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9 1/2	
Dallas	13	20	.394	12 1/2	
Sacramento	12	20	.375	13	
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13 1/2	
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18	

Wednesday's results

Toronto 102 Portland 79

Sacramento 97 Cleveland 94

Indiana 89 Washington 81

Chicago 96 Orlando 94

Memphis 93 Boston 83

Miami 119 Dallas 109 OT

San Antonio 117 Milwaukee 110

Houston 110 Oklahoma City 93

Brooklyn 110 Philadelphia 92

Phoenix 95 Philadelphia 89

Utah 106 Minnesota 84

L.A. Clippers at Golden State

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.

Friday's games

Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	31	323	227	939	30.3
Anthony, NYK	25	249	164	729	29.2
Durant, OK	30	277	249	854	28.5
James, Mia	29	295	132	762	26.3
Harden, Hou	30	229	266	783	26.1
Westbrook, OK	30	224	156	646	21.5
Aldridge, Por	28	237	115	589	21.0
Wade, Mia	25	194	114	509	20.4
Lee, GoS	31	260	102	622	20.1
Curry, GoS	31	215	99	621	20.0
Pierce, Bos	30	197	148	598	19.9
Ellis, Mil	29	211	122	570	19.7
Parker, SA	31	234	114	597	19.3
Holiday, Phi	28	211	75	528	18.9
Lillard, Por	30	193	98	553	18.4
DeRozan, Tor	31	210	129	565	18.2
Mayo, Dal	32	206	97	583	18.2
Walker, Cha	31	206	111	560	18.1
Gay, Mem	27	185	87	485	18.0
Bosh, Mia	28	191	117	505	18.0
Anderson, NO	31	205	44	554	17.9
Duncan, SA	32	227	110	566	17.7
Deng, Chi	29	192	102	509	17.6
Jennings, Mil	29	188	78	509	17.6
Griffin, LAC	32	229	104	564	17.6
West, Ind	31	222	97	543	17.5
Howard, LAL	31	187	160	535	17.3

Not including last night's games

RAPTORS 102, TRAILBLAZERS 79

PORTLAND (79)

Batum 4-12 2-2 10, Aldridge 7-12 0-0 14,

Hickson 1-4 0-0 2, Lillard 6-13 5-6 18,

Matthews 4-7 2-3 12, Freeland 4-6 3-3 11,

Claver 1-2 0-1 2, Price 1-2 0-0 2, Babbitt 1-4

1-1 4, Barton 0-1 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-3 0-0 2,

Smith 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 31-70 13-16 79.

TORONTO (102)

Pietrus 0-4 0-0 0, Davis 9-12 1-4 19, Gray 0-0

0-0 0, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0, DeRozan 11-17 1-1

24, Johnson 7-12 3-3 17, Anderson 2-9 0-4

Lowry 0-2 0-0 0, Fields 3-4 1-1 7, Ross 8-14

4-6 26, Acy 0-0 2-2 2, Lucas 1-2 0-0 3. Totals

41-77 12-17 102.

Portland 17 22 22 18 —79

Toronto 24 31 23 24 —102

3-Point Goals—Portland 4-22 (Matthews 2-4,

Babbitt 1-4, Lillard 1-5, Claver 0-1, Pavlovic

0-2, Batum 0-6), Toronto 8-23 (Ross 6-9,

Lucas 1-2, DeRozan 1-3, Calderon 0-1, An-

derson 0-2, Lowry 0-2, Pietrus 0-4). Fouled

Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 38 (Aldridge

10), Toronto 45 (Johnson, Davis, Fields 7).

Assists—Portland 19 (Lillard 7), Toronto

34 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Portland

18, Toronto 20. Technicals—Acy—A—18,117

(19,800).

NFL

Linebacker Lewis ready to retire

Ray Lewis spent 17 seasons instilling fear in his opponents while serving as an inspirational leader for the Baltimore Ravens.

Now he's poised and eager to become a full-time dad.

Lewis announced Wednesday he will end his brilliant NFL career after the Ravens complete their 2013 playoff run.

Lewis has been sidelined since Oct. 14 with a torn right triceps. The 13-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker intends to face the Indianapolis Colts Sunday in what will almost certainly be his final home game.

"Everything that starts has an end," the 37-year-old Lewis said. "For me, today, I told my team that this will be my last ride."

Lewis will walk away from the game because he wants to spend more time with his sons. He intends to see Ray Lewis III perform as a freshman next year for the University of Miami, where the elder Lewis starred before the Ravens selected him in the first round of the 1996 draft.

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NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 12

Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at

Denver, 4:30 p.m.

Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San

Francisco, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at

Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New

England, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20

AFC, TBA

NFC, TBA

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 3

At New Orleans

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m.

IIHF WORLD JUNIORS

QUARTER-FINALS

Wednesday's results

U.S. 7 Czech Republic 0

Russia 4 Switzerland 3 (SO)

SEMIFINALS

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

Canada vs. U.S., 4 a.m.

Sweden vs. Russia, 8 a.m.

Friday's game (5th place)

Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

MEDAL ROUND

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Saturday, 4 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Saturday, 8 a.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

GP W OTW OTL L GF GA Pt

Finland 2 2 0 0 0 13 1 6

Slovakia 1 0 1 0 0 2 1 2

Germany 2 0 0 1 1 10 1

Latvia 1 0 0 0 1 1 5 0

Wednesday's result

Finland 8 Germany 0

Thursday's game

Slovakia vs. Latvia, 6 a.m.

Friday's games

Latvia vs. Germany, 4 a.m.

Finland vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today's Mercury-Uranus link warns that what you desire the most is unlikely to be good for you, so maybe you need to think about it again. Try to think through what the consequences might be — it could save you a lot of bother later on.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Focus on the big issues today. Don't let little everyday things distract you. Most people seem to enjoy getting caught up in trivial details. But you're not most people, you're a Taurus. Be different.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours, you must stay in control of your emotions. If you allow them to get out of hand, you could end up in a place you really don't want to be. Stay calm.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You won't be able to hide your thoughts and feelings today. Your face will betray you even when you think you are lying convincingly. You might as well open up and let the world know what's in your heart.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may be inclined to work harder than ever but it really isn't necessary. Ask yourself, honestly, if there is anything that must be done immediately. Chances are most things can wait a few days.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Although you are feeling pretty dynamic at the moment, you may find it hard to get moving today. Don't let it worry you if nothing much gets done because you will more than make up for it later on.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Stop wasting time and energy thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what still could be if you get your act together right now. The past is over and done with, so focus on the future.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you don't follow the rules today, you could find yourself in a lot of trouble. Be wary of people who try to encourage you to take the kind of risks that even you tend to avoid. They'll lead you astray.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be a nice guy by nature but you will fight for what you believe and you are certainly no pushover. Who was it who said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"? That's the kind of outlook you need.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be inclined to throw yourself at each and every challenge that comes your way but that's just a waste of time and energy. Choose your battles carefully and aim to win them one at a time.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Rivals and competitors seem determined to give you a hard time but that's OK. You are at your best when it seems as if the world is against you. It's not true, of course, but it does tend to motivate you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It may seem as if your life is heading down a predestined course but that isn't strictly true. You can change your destiny any time you choose, but first you need to believe that it's possible. Start believing today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword

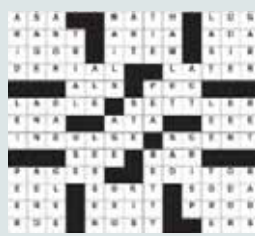
Across

- Coffee holder
- Beer holder
- Intense anger
- Minerals
- Opening (anat.)
- I smell — (2 words)
- Window shopping
- Patience — virtue (2 words)
- First two vowels in a sequence
- Handbag handles
- Pancake mixture
- Battery sz.
- Spanish cheer
- Blood type (abbr.)
- Fencing weapon
- Actress Maris of Nurses
- Show gratitude to
- Ruin
- Florida city
- Negative
- loss for words (2 words)
- Chemical suffix
- Confidential
- Newcomer
- Unser of racing
- Lab eggs
- Refrains from
- Yesteryear
- "The Crying Game" actor
- Kind of point
- Monthly exp.
- Directed
- Atlas abbr.

Down

- Corn throwaway
- YYZ posting
- Prefix meaning recent
- Japanese carp
- Shore bird
- Jokes
- Egyptian Sun God
- Divat's solo
- Sound of fright
- Greek letters
- Smack
- Lay eyes on
- Chore
- Not yet cooked
- Gravy holder
- Burghoff's co-star
- Plow puller
- School cheer
- Exclude

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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5	9	3	7	6	1	2	4	8
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6	5	2	9	3	4	7	8	1
1	4	8	6	8	7	3	5	2
2	7	4	5	1	3	8	6	9
9	1	6	4	7	8	5	2	3
3	8	5	2	9	6	4	1	7

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